

Subject: Project EASIER Bulletin #1:

Spring 2006 Career and Technical Education Reporting

Career and Technical Education (CTE) data do not have to be entered into the local student information system for 2006 spring reporting. An alternative reporting option will be available that will make this data entry unnecessary.

The new option will use the fall EASIER curriculum data to identify students participating in CTE programs. A web application will display this information along with the other CTE characteristics (concentrator, completer, occupational proficiency level, single parent, and educational barrier indicators) for review by districts. Details of the new option will be presented at the April 12 Project EASIER Data Conference. Questions can be addressed to Gary Kirchhoff, gary.kirchhoff@iowa.gov or (515) 281-6278.

Pre-submission EASIER File Testing

Beginning with the 2006 Spring Reporting Cycle, districts will have the opportunity to do test uploads of their spring data file(s). The purpose of the test uploads will be to identify errors that are generated during file processing and to provide districts with the opportunity to correct these errors in the local student information system prior to uploading the file as an actual submission.

The upload testing process will be the same as an actual submission. Use the “Project EASIER Spring 2006” application on the EDINFO website at <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/>. Logins and passwords assigned for the 2005 fall reporting cycle should be used.

Timeline

April 3	EDINFO website will open for pre-submission testing.
May 12	Pre-submission test site will close and all pre-submission files deleted.
May 15	EDINFO website will open for production. <u>Reminder:</u> spring files cannot be generated or submitted until after the last day of school due to the need for total days of attendance for each student.
June 16	All files must be submitted and certified. EDINFO website closed.

Questions regarding Pre-submission Testing should be addressed to Andy Wheeler, andy.wheeler@iowa.gov or (515) 281-4153.